

PUBLIC HEALTH MUSEUM

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We've been pleased to host high school, college, and professional group tours and welcome you to book early. Based on availability, we can work to accommodate your needs.

Click for dates or email info@publichealthmuseum.org.

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Medford Tech's students visited the museum in December.

The museum is seeking indoor and outdoor volunteer guides. Training is available. The museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays at this time. info@publichealthmuseum.org

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Hello 2023!

...*from Al DeMaria, Jr., MD, president*

The Public Health Museum wishes all its friends and supporters the very best in the New Year. The museum is moving forward into this new year with enrichments to exhibits in the nursing room and planning for in-person and virtual educational programs. Planning for the 11th year of our program for high school students, Outbreak! has already begun.

We expect to complete a formal evaluation of how to improve our storage capacity for the collection and archives through a Feasibility and Technical Assistance Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

We hope to open the museum even more as pandemic coronavirus seems to become endemic coronavirus. Our wonderful cadre of volunteers have been guiding numerous visitors and school groups through the museum, generating more demand through word-of-mouth communication about the excellence of the experience.

We have also been considering how best to commemorate the COVID-19 Pandemic experience. We'd like to collect clean masks and create a display. If you have a clean mask with a particular logo or message you have acquired and would like it to be part of an exhibit commemorating the pandemic, then please send it to the museum with a note of its significance.

The Public Health Museum depends on your generous support. If you are not already a member, please become one. Donations of any amount are very much appreciated. And, please visit the museum. Our website is full of good information.

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Yours in hope of a better New Year,
Al DeMaria



NEW NURSE PIN EXHIBIT

A new display of caps and pins was prompted by the donation of a Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing pin, belonging to Mabel V. Meehan Andrews (class of 1948).

In the display are several nursing school pins: Peter Bent Brigham, Tewksbury Hospital, Boston City Hospital, and two student pins from Boston City Hospital (the "O" shaped pins). Also included are several examples of caps.

Thank you to our Collections Committee!



Board member and book discussion group facilitator Louis Fazen, MD, MPH said "As a practicing pediatrician, I could see these important changes happening in real time during my career" regarding the upcoming book review.

THE PHM VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

We'll the new year with a plan to discuss a book by pediatrician/author Perri Klass. Dr Klass trained in Boston and her latest book from 2020 is titled: "The Best Medicine: How Science and Public Health Gave Children a Future." It's also has an audio version by a different title: "A Good Time to be Born: How Science and Public Health Gave Children a Future."

This is a well written review of the factors contributing to the dramatic changes in child health in the last 100 years.

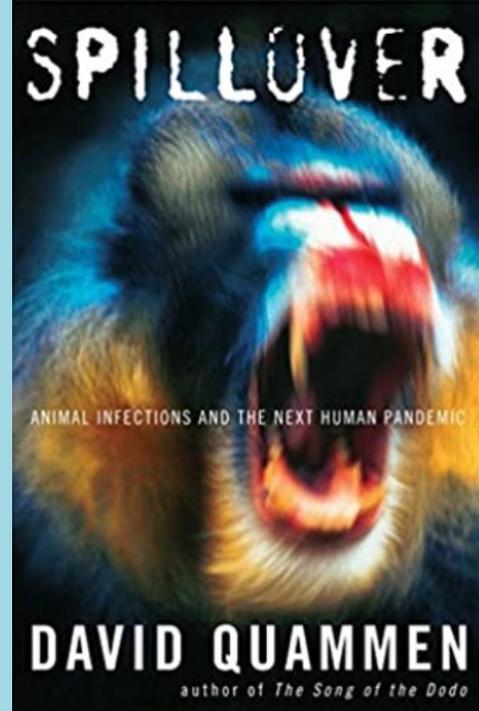
We will announce the book club date soon so watch your email for notification to sign up. Book reviews are free and all are welcomed.

WHAT WE'RE READING

PHM Board Member Scott Troppy shares his pick for interesting reading.

"As an epidemiologist I love this book!"

"David Quammen's absorbing story telling in **Spillover** (2012) will help you understand how deadly diseases that we are faced with (SARS & Ebola) make the jump from animals to humans. After living through the past three years of the COVID pandemic I went back and reread this book to know how a future pandemic might emerge. The book gives you an overview of how we are all linked together in our natural world (animal and humans) and how from a public health perspective it matters."- Scott Troppy



NARCAN

The Public Health Museum recently hosted Narcan training in conjunction with Front Line. Hosted on two convenient days, the Front Line team discussed the signs of opioid overdose and instructed participants how to administer Narcan. Narcan was distributed to participants. "An overdose can happen anywhere, any time," said Matthew Page-Shelton, Front Line director.

Local TV station WBZ highlighted the training on its newscast.

Watch for another training in the spring. We are delighted to partner with Front Line's regional team.

Front Line & The Public Health Museum offer free Narcan, training, and information.

Did you know...?

- Fentanyl is being added to other drugs and fake pills that look like real medications
- Narcan can reverse the effects of an opioid or Fentanyl overdose

Narcan is for everyone!

- You can still carry Narcan even if you don't know anyone living with addiction
- You might save a life
- It's easier to help than ever

Pre-register or Drop-in for a Refresher
Public Health Museum
365 East Street, Tewksbury, MA
Museum will be open after training.

Two Convenient Sessions Open to the Public
Thursday, December 15 @ 2PM
Saturday, December 17 @ 11AM

Perhaps of Interest

A 2022 documentary from the Smithsonian Channel which focuses on the inequities in medical care experienced by African Americans currently and throughout our history.

The Color of Care is produced by Oprah Winfrey and is available to watch free with this link:

<https://www.smithsonianchannel.com/special/the-color-of-care>

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Share the commitment to education and awareness of the importance of public health.

You can find out more about the film with this link:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/historical-roots-racial-disparities-american-health-care-180979800/>

Contact Paige at paige@publichealthmuseum.org and thank you.

Help conserve public health artifacts, underwrite programming, and support our student tours as we move into 2023 together and continue the mission of educating everyone about public health!

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